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SUBJECT: JAPANESE 1978 HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHERY

- 1. AFTER TAKING 1.88 MILLION RED SALMON, HIGH SEAS SALMON MOTHERSHIP FISHERY COMPLETED OPERATIONS JULY 23. CATCH IN 1977 INCLUDED 1.51 MILLION REDS AND IN 1976, 2.28 MILLION. CATCH THIS YEAR, ON SURFACE AT LEAST, APPEARS LARGER THAN WE THOUGHT POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF REDUCED FLEET SIZE. THOUGH TIME AND AREA RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON JAPANESE HIGH SEAS FISHERY AS RESULT OF INPFC RENEGOTIATIONS WERE DESIGNED TO REDUCE INTERCEPTIONS OF BRISTOL BAY REDS, IT MAY BE THAT INTERCEPTIONS ARE HIGHER THAN WE WOULD LIKE.
- 2. THROUGHOUT THE SEASON 5 DAY CATCH STATISTICS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED NMFS SEATTLE AND AUKE BAY. MIKE DAHLBERG NMFS AUKE BAY IS ESTIMATING WHAT PERCENTAGE OF RED SALMON CATCH IS OF ASIAN ORIGIN AND WHAT IS OF NORTH AMERICAN ORIGIN. HE MAY HAVE REASONABLY GOOD ESTIMATE AVAILABLE NOW. MANSFIELD

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